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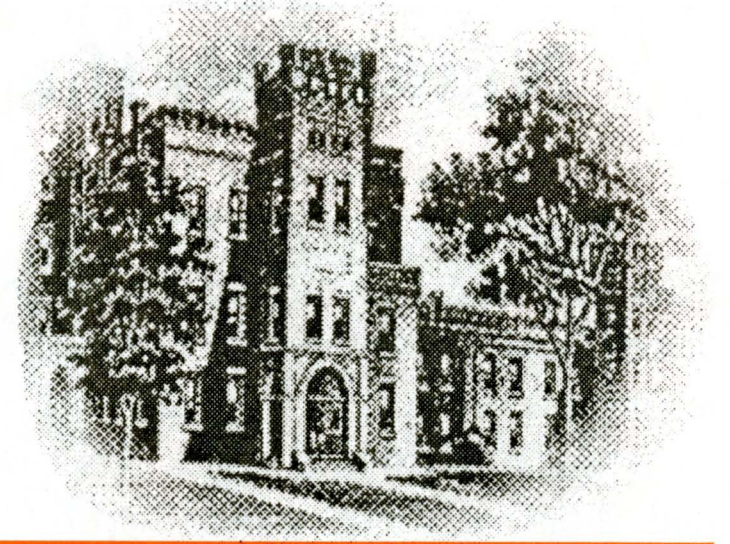
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Good 'Ol BU

A Newsletter for Alumni of the Bowling Green Business University



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BU Reunion 2001: A Trip Down Memory Lane

What a great way to kick off the summer! On May 11-12, the 2001 Business University Reunion was held in Bowling Green and proved to be an exciting and enjoyable weekend.

Not only were there events for all BU alumni, but the Toppers Fraternity came to Bowling Green a day early to kick off their reunion activities and the Pi Tau Nu's extended the reunion weekend with their festivities.

Julian Harper of the Topper's began planning months in advance for the reunion of his fellow fraternity brothers. With the assistance of the WKU Alumni Association, the Toppers began their reunion on Thursday night with a dinner at the University Plaza Hotel. After catching up with old friends, Harper started the program with gifts to all World War II veterans. The group also had a chance to share their favorite memories. The next morning the Toppers enjoyed breakfast at the Faculty House on Western's campus. After touring the Gordon Ford College of Business, Toppers were ready to register for the remaining BU Reunion festivities. Harper was very pleased about the turnout of Toppers at the reunion.

"I've had a number of phone calls

from members expressing their gratitude for such an enjoyable event," Harper said.

The official BU Reunion started with registration on May 11, at the University Plaza Hotel. Attendees had the opportunity to visit the hospitality room that was filled with BU memorabilia and yearbooks to look up old friends. The first event of the reunion was the "Three R's Dinner" - "Reunite, Reminisce, Relive". At the dinner, University Archivist, Sue Lynn Stone, shared a slide show that had everyone laughing and reminiscing about days gone by.

The reunion continued on Saturday with a brunch and opportunity for attendees to hear from the dean of the Gordon Ford College of Business, Bob Jefferson. Throughout the weekend, everyone had the opportunity to tour Lost River Cave and learn more about the history of the cave.

At the end of the brunch, most BU Reunion attendees started the trip back home and everyone went in separate directions, except for the Pi Tau Nu's.

John and Barbara Grider began researching the whereabouts of the Pi Tau Nu members' months before the reunion. After much research, the Griders were able to invite a

large group of Pi Tau Nu's to their home on Saturday night for a reception before dinner. After everyone had a chance to catch up and tell some funny stories, the Pi Tau Nu's headed to Mariah's for dinner.

The associate director for the WKU Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, Mary Beth Frith was pleased with the turnout from the BU alumni.

"We had a variety of alumni come back for the reunion, some who had not attended in many years. Everyone seemed to have a great time and several expressed that they would definitely be back in 2003!"

If you have questions about the reunion or would like to check on the whereabouts of fellow BUers, please contact the WKU Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at 888.WKU.ALUM (958.2586)

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New from the BU!

By Sue Lynn Stone, University Archivist

As long as the alumni keep enriching our Bowling Green Business University Collection, I will keep asking for more! The 2001 BU reunion brought us diverse and wonderful items. Throughout the weekend, different alumni would step forward with a personal treasure. At the Toppers Reunion, Bill Flaherty gave his Toppers stein and Carl Kelley supplied the May 26, 1950, issue of the *Toppers Balance Sheet*. While completing an oral history with me, Clifton Rhodes presented registration cards, grade card stubs, course schedules, receipts, programs, the May 1, 1951, Rho Omega Alpha *Communique*, and his Student Veterans Club 1949-50 membership card. During her visit to the Kentucky Building, Leone Brewer Jones donated 1942-43 scrapbook pages filled with Kappa Beta Pi sorority dance programs, photographs, and Delta Theta invitations.

Tom Wilson brought a College of Commerce textbook cover to the Friday dinner. Immediately following the dinner, the donation of Rex Toothman's scrapbooks and photo albums made a perfect end to a delightful evening. At the Saturday brunch, Harold Wills delivered his student carved Higher Accounting Fraternity - Beta Pi wooden pin.

Many of you should follow Julian Harper's example and send along items you failed to bring in May. In the last few weeks, Mr. Harper has sent a BU postcard, a telegram, letters and photographs related to boarding houses, a Presbyterian convocation and Homecoming. After my "School Days" talk to the South Central Kentucky Genealogical Society later that month, A. Ray Douglas brought in Grace Fields Douglas' tuition receipt.

I am delighted to see your efforts to build the BU collection. With each item, the story becomes more complete.

Quote Corner

"The best antique is an old friend."

...Unknown

We need your help!

We're ready to begin planning for the next reunion in 2003! If you are interested in serving on the **BU Reunion Planning Team**, please contact Mary Beth Frith, associate director, at 1-888-WKU-ALUM (958-2586) or e-mail her at mary.beth.frith@wku.edu.

Also, if you know of any BU alumni who haven't received any of the BU mailings, please contact Mary Beth so we can get their information updated.

2001 Hilltopper Football Schedule

Aug. 30	at Western Illinois	6:05 p.m.
Sept. 8	Kentucky State	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Wisconsin	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 22	Southwest Missouri State	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Illinois State	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Elon	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Indiana State	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	McNeese State	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Youngstown State	Noon
Nov. 10	Northern Iowa	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 17	Southern Illinois	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 24	NCAA I-AA Playoffs	TBA
Dec. 1	NCAA I-AA Playoffs	TBA
Dec. 8	NCAA I-AA Playoffs	TBA
Dec. 14	NCAA I-AA Championship	TBA

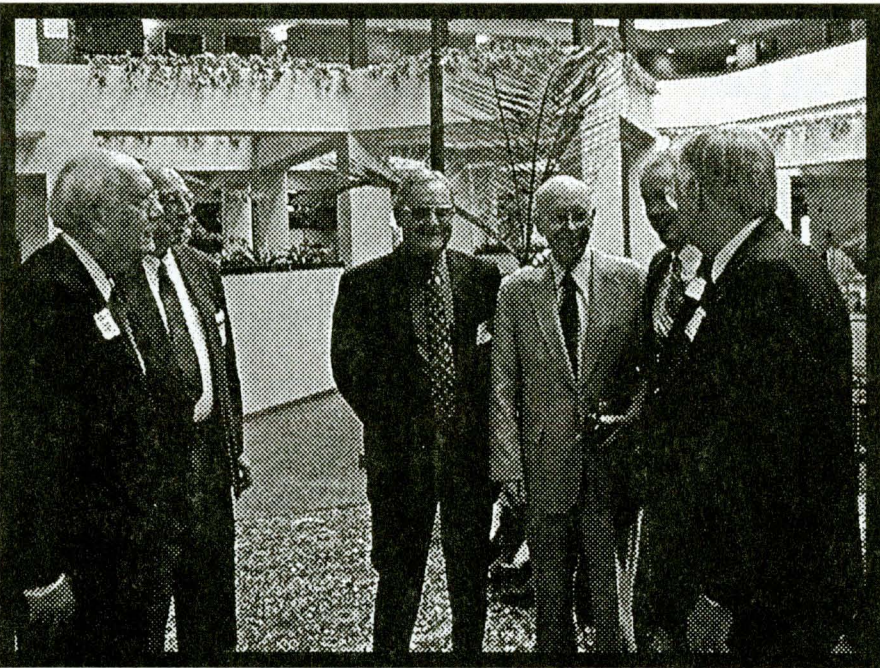
BU Reunion 2001 Photos



The Toppers Fraternity members gather for a picture in the Faculty House during their breakfast.



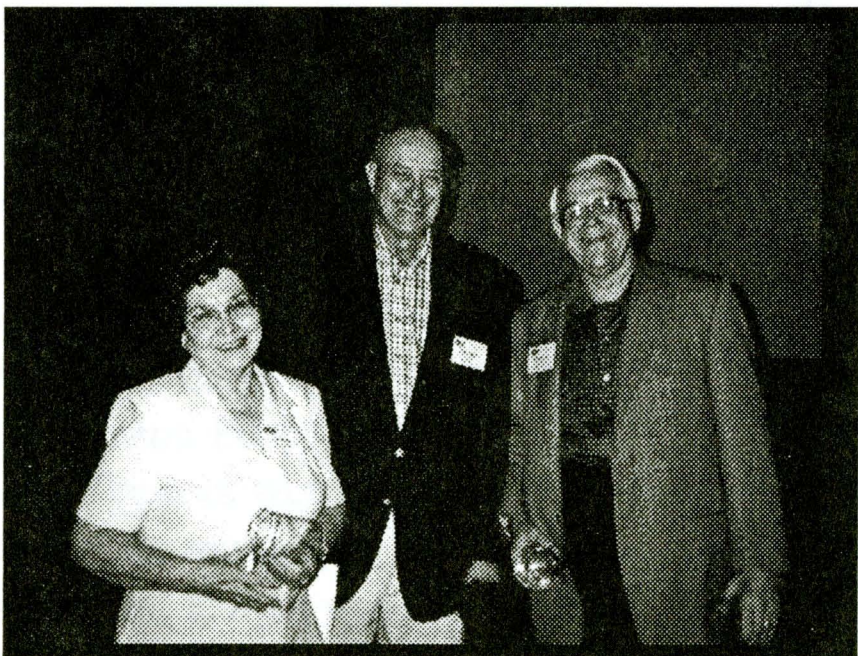
Charles Ping and Julian Harper reminisce at the Toppers Reunion Dinner.



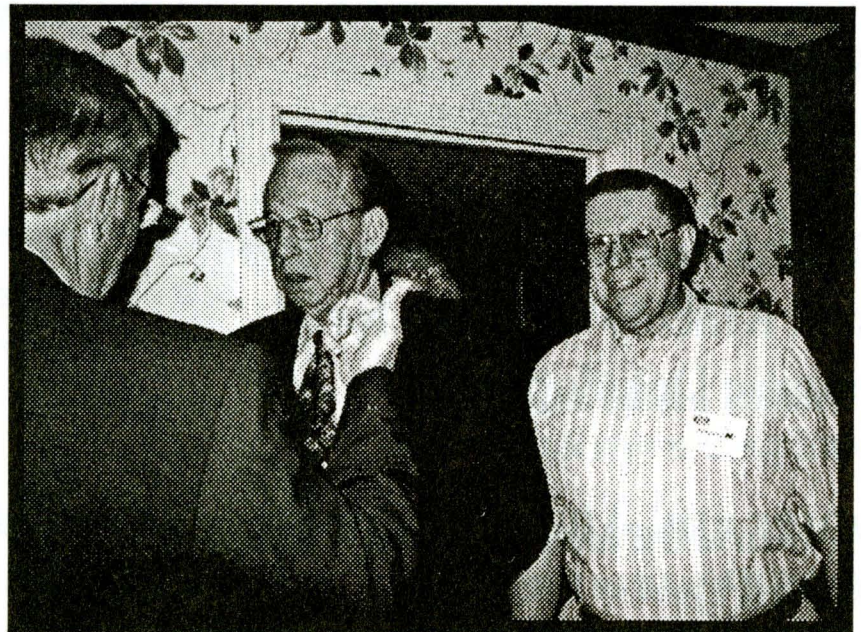
Members of the Toppers Fraternity greet one another in the lobby of the University Plaza Hotel. It's time for the stories to begin!



Bob and Norma Jean Kirby enjoy the Friday night dinner at the BU Reunion.



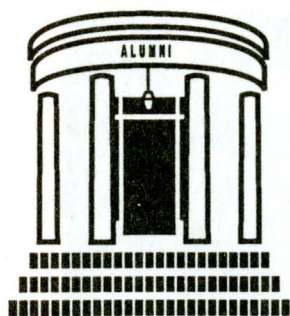
Barbara and John Grider (right) visit with a Pi Tau Nu member at the BU Reunion.



Members of the Pi Tau Nu Fraternity gather at the home of John and Barbara Grider for a reception Saturday night.

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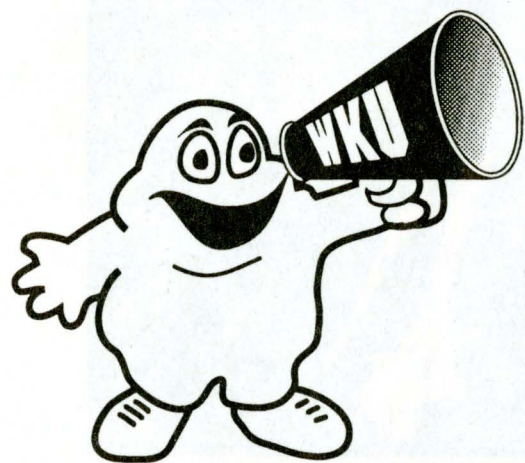
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OCTOBER 15-20, 2001

Chili Cheese Luncheon

Thursday, October 18

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

State Street Presbyterian Church

Summit Awards

Thursday, October 18

5:30 p.m. Cocktails

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner and Program

Carroll Knicely Institute for
Economic Development

Chapter and Alumni Management Program (C.A.M.P.)

Friday, October 19

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The University Plaza Hotel

Hall of Distinguished Alumni Induction Ceremony

Friday, October 19

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bowling Green/Warren County Convention
Center

Homecoming Parade

Friday, October 19

5:30 p.m.

Big Red Way

Big Red Street Fest

Friday, October 19

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Big Red Way

Homecoming - WKU vs. McNeese State

Saturday, October 20

4:00 p.m.

Smith Stadium